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SUBJ: MTN TROPICAL PRODUCTS CONSULTATIONS - INDIA

1. SUMMARY: INDIA FEIGNED SURPRISE AT U.S. PRESENTATION OF LIST OF POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS BY INDIA TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS AND WAS NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF LIST. WHILE THEY STAND BEHIND COMMITMENT IN PARA 5 OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION, INDIA'S INTERPRETATION OF THIS COMMITMENT IS THAT IT WILL MAKE APPROPRIATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OVERALL NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT TO THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATION. INDIA REITERATED ITS REQUEST FOR GSP TREATMENT OF CERTAIN ITEMS DESPITE WELL-KNOWN U.S. POSITION OF TREATING GSP OUTSIDE NEGOTIATIONS. WITH REGARD TO NTM'S, INDIA PLANS TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PRECISE DIFFI-

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CULTIES ENCOUNTERED WITH PRODUCT-RELATED NTM'S. BULK

OF MEETING SPENT REVIEWING U.S. OFFER LIST. ANOTHER MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED TO GO OVER LIST ON AN ITEM BY ITEM BASIS. END SUMMARY.

2. TROPICAL PRODUCTS CONSULTATIONS HELD WITH INDIA (AMBASSADOR CHADHA AND SANDILYA) ON APRIL 9. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO ACQUAINT INDIA WITH LIST OF REQUESTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS BY INDIA TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA. 5 OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION. U.S. (CULBERT AND GRAEF) NOTED THAT TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP IS MORE ADVANCED THAN OTHERS AND THAT U.S. CAN MOVE MORE QUICKLY IN THIS AREA ONCE POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE ASCERTAINED. U.S. NOTED CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH CONGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS MADE IT INCUMBENT ON U.S. TO PRESENT TO CONGRESS TANGIBLE RESULTS FROM NEGOTIATIONS. SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD PERMIT THE U.S. TO DO MORE TO LIBERALIZE ON THESE PRODUCTS THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE THE CASE. THE U.S. CONSIDERED ITS LIST OF POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIA "DOABLE" AND WOULD NOT CAUSE HARM TO INDIAN ECONOMY. U.S. STATED LIST WAS INFLUENCED BY THE INDIAN FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND CONTAINED ITEMS ON INDIAN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT. LIST OF POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS IS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN U.S. OFFER. U.S. HAD NO POSITION WITH REGARD TO TIMING FOR REACTION BY GOI BUT STATED IT WOULD TAKE GOI RESPONSE INTO ACCOUNT IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS.

3. INDIA FEIGNED SURPRISE AT U.S. "REQUEST" FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AT THIS STAGE. ACCORDING TO CHADHA, HIS REPORT FROM NEW DELHI GAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT U.S. WOULD SUBMIT LIST AND, THEREFORE, HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT ON SPECIFICS OF U.S. LIST. INDIA STATED THAT THEY STAND FIRMLY BY THEIR COMMITMENT IN PARA 5 OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION BUT THEY DO NOT INTERPRET THAT PARA SAME WAY AS U.S. INDIA CONSIDERS TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP AS A FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF CONCESSIONS ONLY FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, CONSISTENT WITH TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP WORK PROGRAM (MTN/TP/1, PARA.I). INDIA WAS NOT OPERATING ON BASIS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDERSTANDING THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD ASK FOR CONCESSIONS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THIS FORUM. THEIR COMMITMENT UNDER THE TOKYO DECLARATION WAS TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEGOTIATIONS AS A WHOLE, CONSISTENT WITH THEIR DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. INDIA EXPRESSED CONCERN OF U.S. LINKAGE BETWEEN CONTRIBUTIONS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND CONCESSIONS BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR TIMING OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS.

4. U.S. CONTESTED INDIAN INTERPRETATION OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS WORK PROGRAM. U.S. NOTED IT HAD SPOKEN TO THIS POINT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE GROUP AS WELL AS BILATERALLY TO MAKE CLEAR U.S. WOULD SEEK LDC CONTRIBUTIONS TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS. U.S. OBSERVED PARA 5 OF TOKYO DECLARATION SPEAKS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO "NEGOTIATIONS" WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO NEGOTIATIONS IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP AND THAT SPECIAL AND PRIORITY IN PARA. 3 DO NOT MEAN NON-RECIPROCITY. IN U.S. VIEW UNILATERAL CONTRIBUTIONS COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A NEGOTIATION. U.S. SUMMED UP POSITION NOTING IT WAS MADE A RESPONSIBLE OFFER AND REACTION OF INDIA WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON WHAT U.S. DOES IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP. U.S. RECALLED IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS THAT MANY COUNTRIES WILL GIVE REACTIONS TO PROPOSALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS. BASED ON THESE REACTIONS U.S. WILL MAKE AN ASSESSMENT ON WHAT CAN BE DONE IN THIS GROUP.

5. CHADHA SAID HE WOULD REPORT U.S. POSITION TO NEW DELHI BUT STATED HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE AS INDICATED ABOVE.

6. U.S. OFFER: U.S. EXPLAINED ITS OFFER IN SOME DETAIL NOTING THAT IT HAD RESPONDED TO ONE-HALF TARIFF REQUESTS OF INDIA (EVEN MORE THAN ONE-HALF IF MEASURED BY SECOND INDIAN REQUEST LIST) AND INDICATED THAT MANY NEW ITEMS INCLUDED ON INDIAN THIRD REVISED LIST RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR CONSIDERATION OR NOT POSSIBLE IN TP CONTEXT GIVEN APPARENT RIGID GOI POSITION AGAINST CONTRIBUTIONS IN TP CONTEXT. U.S. NOTED ITS INTENTION TO BIND THESE CONCESSIONS BUT DID NOT HAVE A POSITION ON IMPLEMENTATION IN THE INITIAL PHASE OF

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NEGOTIATIONS. U.S. STATED WITH RESPECT TO SEVERAL PRODUCTS OF TRADE INTEREST TO INDIA (TSUS 140.45, 145.26, 145.53, 155.35, 155.40, 165.55, AND 176.04) BINDING OF FULL AUTHORITY REDUCTIONS TO ZERO WOULD BE DIFFICULT WITHOUT MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTIONS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NOT NECESSARILY INDIA. ACCORDING TO TRADE FIGURES AVAILABLE TO THE U.S., VALUE OF U.S. OFFER IS APPROXIMATELY \$30 MILLION BASED ON 1973 STATISTICS AND \$20.4 MILLION BASED ON 1974 STATISTICS; U.S. HOPED AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON TRADE VALUE OF THIS OFFER. BASED ON FACTS AVAILABLE TO THE U.S., INDIA IS FIRST SUPPLIER ON 23 ITEMS AND SECOND SUPPLIER ON 6 ITEMS CONTAINED IN U.S. OFFER LIST. U.S. REMINDED INDIA THAT EXCLUSION OF ITEMS FROM TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER DOES NOT MEAN SUCH ITEMS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM OVERALL NEGOTIATIONS.

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7. INDIAN REACTION TO U.S. OFFER: INDIA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EFFORT THAT WENT INTO MAKING OFFER AND WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY CIRCULATION OF GLOBAL OFFER INDICATING DEPTH OF CQT. PRECISE EXTENT OF REDUCTIONS ENVISAGED IN OFFER HAD NOT YET BEEN SENT TO NEW DELHI, SO COMMENTS SHOULD BE REGARDED AS PRELIMINARY.

8. NTM'S: INDIA NOTED U.S. OFFERS CONFINED TO TARIFFS AND ASKED WHY NON-TARIFF MEASURES NOT INCLUDED. U.S. RESPONDED THAT EACH TIME IT HAD RECEIVED REQUEST LISTS FROM INDIA U.S. HAD ASKED FOR INDICATION AS TO WHY ALLEGED NTM IS CONSIDERED BARRIER TO TRADE. WITHOUT SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION WITH REGARD TO ALLEGED NTM AND NATURE OF PROBLEM IT IS DIFFICULT FOR U.S. TO RESPOND TO GENERAL REQUESTS. U.S. ALSO NOTED THAT IN ON-GOING QR CONSULTATIONS SOME QR'S CONTAINED IN INDIAN TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST LIST HAD BEEN DISCUSSED REVEALING THAT QR SITUATION DIFFERED FROM THAT

OUTLINED IN INDIAN NOTIFICATION. ADDITIONALLY, AS A GENERAL STATEMENT, NTM'S WERE BEING CONSIDERED IN NTM SUBGROUPS FOR GLOBAL SOLUTIONS AND WERE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO BEING DEALT WITH IN A BROADER CONTEXT. KEEPING THESE REASONS IN MIND, U.S. ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DISCUSSION OF NTM'S WERE NOT NECESSARILY EXCLUDED FROM TROPICAL PRODUCTS EXERCISE. INDIA REMARKED THAT TO EXTENT A BARRIER IS PRODUCT-RELATED RATHER THAN A GENERAL PROBLEM THEY WILL BRING MORE INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC DIFFICULTY ENCOUNTERED AND HOPED U.S. COULD TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION.

9. MFN VERSUS GSP: INDIA REITERATED ITS POSITION FOR GSP TREATMENT WITH RESPECT TO SOME ITEMS, NOTING THAT MFN ERODES PREFERENTIAL MARGINS WHEREAS GSP REDUCES DUTY TO ZERO. WITHIN CONTEXT OF TOKYO DECLARATION IMPROVEMENTS COULD BE MADE TO THE U.S. GSP SYSTEM SUCH AS THE COMPETITIVE NEED FORMULA AND RECLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. U.S. RESPONDED THAT IF INDIA DID NOT WANT MFN CUTS ON PARTICULAR PRODUCT GOI COULD REQUEST U.S. TO WITHDRAW ITS OFFER ON SUCH PRODUCT. UNDER THIS PROCEDURE U.S. COULD NOT GIVE COMMITMENT
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AS TO WHEN OR IF THESE ITEMS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO GSP. U.S. OFFERS WERE BASICALLY ON ITEMS WHERE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE SUBSTANTIAL TRADE OR HAVE CITED POSSIBLE TRADE POTENTIAL SO MFN TREATMENT SIMILAR TO GSP EXCEPT MORE SECURE. U.S. CONTINUALLY REMINDED INDIA THAT MORE APPROPRIATE CHANNELS EXIST TO PURSUE DESIRED IMPROVEMENTS IN U.S. GSP SYSTEM SINCE U.S. DOES NOT REGARD UNILATERAL GRANTING OF GSP TO BE INCLUDED IN MTN. INDIA NOTED IT WOULD PURSUE OTHER CHANNELS AS WELL.

10. ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM NEGOTIATIONS: INDIA EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH POSSIBLE MANDATORY EXCLUSION OF SOME ITEMS FROM NEGOTIATIONS (POSSIBLE U.S. EXEMPTION CLAUSE ACTION ON SHOES) THAT WILL LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN EXCEPTIONS FROM TARIFF CUTTING FORMULA. INDIA VIEWED SUCH TREATMENT AS UNFORTUNATE SINCE AN EXCEPTION IS PERMANENT WHILE A SAFEGUARD ACTION IS ONLY TEMPORARY.

11. INDIA REVIEW OF U.S. OFFER LIST: INDIA NOTED THAT IT DESIRED TO HAVE A FURTHER MEETING WITH U.S. TO GO OVER U.S. OFFER LIST ON AN ITEM-BY-ITEM BASIS, BUT MADE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON BROAD PRODUCT CATEGORIES:

A. MARINE PRODUCTS: ALL INDIAN REQUESTS ARE GSP IN THIS CATEGORY. FOR THOSE PRODUCTS WITH ZERO DUTY, REQUESTS

ARE FOR REVISION OF HEALTH AND SANITARY REGULATIONS THAT INDIAN EXPORTERS CONSIDER TOO STRINGENT AND HAVE ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS WITH THEIR ADMINISTRATION (I.E. LARGE SCALE REJECTION OF SHIPMENTS). INDIA CITED AN FDA REGULATION FOR REGISTRATION OF PLANT AND RIGHT OF INSPECTION OF PLANT FOR LOW ACID MARINE PRODUCTS. SPECIFIC PRODUCTS CITED INCLUDE TSUS 112.30, 112.90, 113.07, 113.56, 114.15, 114.20, 114.34, 114.36.

B. JUTE: FOUR ITEMS ON THE U.S. OFFER LIST DO NOT HAVE MAXIMUM REDUCTION. U.S. EXPLAINED THAT THIS REDUCTION WAS BEST WE COULD DO BASED ON ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC INDUSTRY SENSITIVITIES. CHADHA REQUESTED REMOVAL OF 360.36 FROM U.S. MFN OFFER AS BELGIUM SUPPLIES 99 PERCENT TO U.S. MARKET; GOI WANTS GSP ON THIS ITEM.

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C. CORDAGE OF COIR: ITEM ON U.S. OFFER (TSUS 315.75) DOES NOT HAVE MAXIMUM REDUCTION.

D. CARPETS: TSUS 360.15 DID NOT APPEAR ON U.S. OFFER OR GSP BUT 92 P.C. OF THESE ITEMS WERE SUPPLIED FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN 1971 ACCORDING TO INDIA. U.S. STATED THAT TSUS 360.15 ITEM WAS NOT ON ANY REQUEST LISTS WHEN CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO THIS CATEGORY. IN AN INTERESTING SIDE CONVERSATION, INDIA PRESSED FOR GSP ON THIS ITEM DESPITE THEIR OWN FIGURES SHOWING THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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SUPPLY BULK OF THESE CARPETS ADMITTING THAT SUCH GSP TREATMENT WOULD GIVE INDIA A COMPETITIVE EDGE OVER OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (IRAN) WHICH WOULD BE EXCLUDED UNDER U.S. SYSTEM.

E. SUGAR: INDIA IS EXCLUDED FROM GSP UNDER COMPETITIVE NEED FORMULA AND REQUESTED U.S. CONSIDERATION FOR "SOMETHING" IN THIS AREA. U.S. NOTED THAT SUGAR IS TRADED ON A LARGE SCALE AND SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITHIN CONTEXT OF MORE GLOBAL ACCESS SOLUTIONS.

F. TOBACCO: INDIAN TOBACCO IS A LOW-PRICED FILLER THAT, ACCORDING TO CHADHA, COULD BE USED IN BLENDING. INDIA INQUIRED IF U.S. COULD CREATE A SEPARATE TARIFF CLASSIFICATION FOR TYPE OF TOBACCO SUPPLIED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THEN GIVE NEW CLASSIFICATION GSP OR MFN CUTS. MTN DEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POINTED TO FACT THAT MOST TOBACCO IMPORTED INTO U.S. FROM LDC'S, THUS IT DID NOT UNDERSTAND GSP REQUEST. U.S. STATED ITS DUTIES ON TOBACCO AMONG THE LOWEST IN WORLD TRADE AND COULD NOT BE LIBERALIZED WITHOUT OTHER MARKETS BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING BEING LIBERALIZED. THUS, MORE BLOGLAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR CONCESSIONS TO BE MADE IN TOBACCO TRADE BY OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

G. MASMATI RICE: INDIA REQUESTED A SEPARATE TARIFF CLASSIFICATION AND MFN REDUCTION FOR THIS UNIQUE TYPE OF RICE (EXTRA LONG GRAIN WITH FINE FLAVOR).

H. PEPPER: FOR THOSE ITEMS THAT HAVE A ZERO TARIFF REQUEST IS FOR LIBERALIZATION OF HEALTH AND SANITARY REGULATIONS MAINTAINED BY U.S. FDA. IN RESPONSE TO U.S. PROBING INDIA WILL GATHER MORE INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED. INDIA ALSO

STATED THAT TSUS 161.83 AND 161.84 ARE PRODUCTS OF INTEREST THAT DO NOT APPEAR ON U.S. OFFER LIST.

I. MANGOES: INDIA STATED THAT ITS EXPERTS ADVISED THEM THAT INDIA COULD NOW MEET THE U.S. PLANT QUARANTINE RESTRICTION ON FRESH MANGOES FROM INDIA AND REQUESTED BAN REMOVED. INDIA ALSO EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST IN HAVING MANGO JUICE ADDED TO THE U.S. OFFER LIST. U.S. NOTED THAT JUICE HAD NOT APPEARED ON EARLIER REQUEST LISTS, BUT ONLY THE FINAL INDIAN REQUEST LIST.

J. WALNUTS: INDIA REQUESTED THAT SHELLED WALNUTS ALSO BE INCLUDED ON GSP AS WELL AS UNSHELLED.

K. LEATHER PRODUCTS: TSUS ITEM 121.60 WAS NOT ON THE U.S. OFFER LIST. BUFFALO SANDALS, TSUS ITEM 700.41 HAS A SEPARATE TARIFF CLASSIFICATION AND IT IS INDIA'S VIEW THAT THIS COULD BE GIVEN GSP TREATMENT SINCE THESE SANDALS DO NOT COMPETE WITH OTHER FOOTWEAR PRODUCTS. FOR TSUS ITEM 700.44 INDIA IS ASKING FOR MFN REDUCTION (HAND-MADE SHOES). U.S. OUTLINED CURRENT SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO A POSSIBLE EXEMPTION CLAUSE ACTION ON LEATHER PRODUCTS. INDIA STATED IT WAS AWARE OF THIS CURRENT SITUATION BUT NOTED THAT IN SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAILING GROUP U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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TOLD DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO EXPORT ITEMS IN WHICH THEY WERE COMPETITIVE BUT, THIS BEING DONE, THESE ITEMS THEN FACE OTHER TYPES OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AND PLACE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A DILEMMA.

1. U.S. NOTED THAT INDIA CONTINUING TO PRESS FOR MOST PRODUCTS OF TRADE INTEREST TO IT IN TP GROUP, AND THEREFORE ASKED RHETORICALLY IF BEST TACTIC WAS FOR INDIA TO REFUSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO TP GROUP TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.

12. REVIEW OF U.S. LIST OF POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS: BEGETABLE PROTEIN CONTAINED IN THE U.S. LIST WAS CITED AS AN ITEM IN WHICH INDIA HAD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN INCREASING ITS IMPORTS. U.S. NOTED THAT SOME ARGUMENTS USED BY INDIA ON FOOTWEAR WITH RESPECT TO WHY U.S. SHOULD INCREASE ITEMS ON ITS OFFER LIST COULD BE USED BY U.S. IN ARGUING FOR INCREASED IMPORTS OF THIS ITEM BY INDIA. U.S. ALSO NOTED THAT A COMMITMENT OF INDIA IN THE KENNEDY ROUND TO LIBERALIZE ITS COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCES IS AGAIN BEING SOUGHT AS A CONTRIBUTION IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS. THE U.S. NOTED THAT ITS OFFER ON TSUS ITEMS 121.52 AND 121.54 IS CONDITIONED UPON RECEIPT OF SUPPLY/ACCESS COMMITMENT FROM INDIA IN FORM OF AN ACCEPTABLE EXPORT QUOTA GUARANTEEING U.S. IMPORTERS ACCESS TO INDIA'S GOAT AND SHEEP HIDES AND SKINS. U.S. ALSO REQUESTS GOI TO PROVIDE

ACCESS GUARANTEES UNDER WHICH U.S. MICA IMPORTERS
WOULD BE FREE TO PLACE THEIR MICA ORDERS WITH INDIAN
SUPPLIERS OF THEIR CHOICE. INDIA HAD NO COMMENT ON
THESE ITEMS.

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